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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

Enclosed is a search report from the Japanese Patent Office from the PCT application from which this National Phase U.S. Application is derived, citing the documents, setting forth the relevance of the documents cited therein. The relevance of JP5-326108 and JP 3-086017 can be understood from the discussion at page 2 of the specification, the abstracts respectively attached, and the figures therein. A copy of each listed non-US patent document is attached.

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